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BUTTIGIEG ENDING PRESIDENTIAL BID



Pete Buttigieg burst onto the scene with a blitz of national media a year ago and impressive fundraising. MARK HUMPHREY/AP

Departure reflects growing pressure among moderate Dems to consolidate in effort to blunt rise of Sanders

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WASHINGTON – Pete Buttigieg, who rose from being a small-town Midwestern mayor to a barrier-breaking, top-tier candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, is ending his campaign.

Three people with knowledge of Buttigieg's decision told The Associated Press he began informing campaign staff on Sunday. They were not authorized to speak publicly and requested anonymity.

The decision came a day after one of Buttigieg's leading rivals, former Vice President Joe Biden, scored a resound-

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As Super Tuesday approaches, Biden and Sanders on a collision course. **8A**

Buttigieg had been critical of Biden, charging that the 77-year-old lifelong politician was out of step with today's politics. But his criticism had shifted in recent days more toward front-runner Bernie Sanders, a polarizing progressive who was benefiting from the sheer number of candidates dividing up the moderate vote.

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ing victory in South Carolina that sparked new pressure on the party's moderate wing to coalesce behind Biden.

Buttigieg had

Despite robust organizations in Iowa and New Hampshire and supporters who included an influx of former independents and Republicans, Buttigieg failed to overcome daunting questions about his ability to draw African American support key to the Democratic base.



The Abby and Libby Memorial park is expected to have three ball diamonds as a tribute to Abby Williams and Libby German, Delphi Middle School eighth-graders killed while hiking trails near Delphi in February 2017. DAVE BANGERT/JOURNAL & COURIER

NBA grant for Abby & Libby park resonates on many levels

Girls' families touched by \$50K contribution

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DELPHI – When a representative of the NBA All-Star 2021 Host Committee called from Indianapolis to congratulate the L&A Park Foundation as one of 21 grant winners tied to next year's game, Eric Erskin did some quick math.

Not just on the \$50,000 coming to the Delphi nonprofit and its \$1 million dream of a sports complex and community park, built to honor the memory of Abby Williams and Libby German. The friends were Delphi Community Middle School eighth-graders in 2017 when they were killed while hiking a popular trail near the Carroll County town.

But the timing of the All-Star Legacy Grant – along with the \$2,100 scholarship that will go to a student in Del-

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